(b) if so, by when such orders would be issued; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Government of India has a scheme, namely, the National Merit Scholarship Scheme, under which scholarship is given to meritorious/talented students of class IX & X from rural areas. The scheme is opened to all the States/ UTs, including Madhya Pradesh.

Pay disadvantage to teaching community

2746. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a major cumulative career pay disadvantage for the teaching community in the higher education sector as compared to group 'A' Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any specific proposals under Government's consideration to improve the pay scales and other incentives for the teachers in the higher education sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Hindi Medium in University of Delhi

†2747. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of students of the University of Delhi are studying through Hindi medium, if so, the number thereof;

(b) whether students studying through Hindi medium are not able to get all the text-books and reference materials in Hindi medium;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.